Power projects In Orissa

80. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of power projects, including thermal power projects, submitted by the Government of Orissa for approval to the Central Government and the details of each project; and

(b) the action taken so far by Government to clear each project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) and (b) The lb Valley Thermal Power Project (4x210 MW) in Orissa was accorded Investment Approval by the Planning Commission in April, 1987. The Central Electricity-Authority have received five Project Reports of Hydro Electric Schemes and one Project Report for Gas Turbine Sets, the details of which are given in the Annexure. [See Appendix CXLIII, Annexure No. 19]

Higher prices o£ medicines

81. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI; Will the Minister of INDUS TRY be pleased to state;

(a) whether he is aware of reports that the drug manufacturing firms are adopting various unfair practices and managing to fleece the customers by selling their products at rates higher than those fixed by the Government; and

(b) if so, whether the matter is being investigated and what steps are being taken to ensure that drugs are available to customers at fair prices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AMD PETROCHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH) (a) and (b) Instances of some prict controlled companies marketing theii products at their own prices after getting them manufactured by the small scale units who are exempted from price control under the DPCO, 1979 have come to the notice of the Government. Such units are free to do so under the existing DPCO, 1979.

Fire in Indraprastha Power Station

82. SHRI RAM AWADESH SINGH; Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state;

(a) whether a major Are broke out recently in the Indraprastha Power Station in Delhi; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof stating the loss suffered as a consequence thereof, the outcome of the inquiry conducted by Govern ment into the fire incident and the action taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE Iff THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) and (b) According to Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking (DESU), a minor fire incident occured at the Indraprastha Power Station on 25th June, 1987 which affected Conveyor Belt No. 3 and 14. The Inquiry Officer appointed by DESU conducted an inquiry and hag concluded that the fire occured due to spontaneous com-bustion of coal near conveyor belt No. 3. The total loss suffered by the Undertaking on this account is estimated to be approximately Rs. 12.8 lakhs.

Both the Conveyor Belts aftao repair etc. were commissioned between 3rd and 9th July, 1987.